

Fact Sheet

Module 5: Filing Status

The filing status determines the rate at which income is taxed. There are five filing statuses:

- single
- married filing jointly
- married filing separately
- head of household
- qualifying widow(er) with dependent child

Some taxpayers are eligible to use more than one filing status. Usually, the taxpayer will choose the filing status with the lowest tax rates.

For the year Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2011, or other tax year beginning , 2011, ending , 20

See separate instructions.

Your first name and initial

Last name

Your social security number

If a joint return, spouse's first name and initial

Last name

Spouse's social security number

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions.

Apt. no.

▲ Make sure the SSN(s) above and on line 6c are correct.

City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below (see instructions).

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Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund.

☐ You
☐ Spouse

Foreign country name

Foreign province/county

Foreign postal code

Filing Status

1 ☐ Single

2 ☐ Married filing jointly (even if only one had income)

3 ☐ Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above and full name here. ▶

4 ☐ Head of household (with qualifying person). (See instructions.) If the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent, enter this child's name here. ▶

5 ☐ Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child

Check only one box.

Exemptions

6a ☐ Yourself. If someone can claim you as a dependent, do not check box 6a

b ☐ Spouse

c Dependents:

(1) First name

Last name

(2) Dependent's social security number

(3) Dependent's relationship to you

(4) ☒ if child under age 17 qualifying for child tax credit (see instructions)

If more than four dependents, see instructions and check here ▶ ☐

d Total number of exemptions claimed

Boxes checked on 6a and 6b

No. of children on 6c who:

• lived with you

• did not live with you due to divorce or separation (see instructions)

Dependents on 6c not entered above

Add numbers on lines above ▶

Income

7 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2

8a Taxable interest. Attach Schedule B if required

b Tax-exempt interest. Do not include on line 8a

8b

9a Ordinary dividends. Attach Schedule B if required

b Qualified dividends

9b

10 Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes

11 Alimony received

12 Business income or (loss). Attach Schedule C or C-EZ

13 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here ▶ ☐

14 Other gains or (losses). Attach Form 4797

15a IRA distributions

15a

b Taxable amount

15b

16a Pensions and annuities

16a

b Taxable amount

16b

17 Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc. Attach Schedule E

18 Farm income or (loss). Attach Schedule F

19 Unemployment compensation

20a Social security benefits

20a

b Taxable amount

20b

21 Other income. List type and amount

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22 Combine the amounts in the far right column for lines 7 through 21. This is your total income ▶

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Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Forms W-2G and 1099-R if tax was withheld.

If you did not get a W-2, see instructions.

Enclose, but do not attach, any payment. Also, please use Form 1040-V.

Adjusted Gross Income

23 Educator expenses

24 Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials. Attach Form 2106 or 2106-EZ

25 Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889

26 Moving expenses. Attach Form 3903

27 Deductible part of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE

28 Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans

29 Self-employed health insurance deduction

30 Penalty on early withdrawal of savings

31a Alimony paid b Recipient's SSN ▶

31a

32 IRA deduction

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33 Student loan interest deduction

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34 Tuition and fees. Attach Form 8917

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35 Domestic production activities deduction. Attach Form 8903

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36 Add lines 23 through 35

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37 Subtract line 36 from line 22. This is your adjusted gross income ▶

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